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SUBJECT: NEW ENGLAND FISH CO. REQUESTS INFORMATION ON OMANI FISHERIES PROGRAM

- 1. MR. J. B. HARRIS OF NEW ENGLAND FISH CO., (NEF),
 SEATTLE, REPORTS NEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY A MR. JAMES
 CRAWFORD TO BID ON EXTENSIVE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
 AT SALALAH, VALUE ABOUT US DOLLARS 6 MILLION. CRAWFORD,
 FORMERLY WITH FMC, HAD SAID HE WAS PRESIDENT OF "NATIONAL
 RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL," OWNED BY A MR.
 ABDULLAH MOHAMMED EIDED. NEF HAS CONSULTED WITH OTHER US
 FIRMS, FAO, ETC., AND IS PREPARED PROPOSE FEASIBILITY
 STUDY, TO INCLUDE AIR SHIPMENT OF FISHING BOATS TO OMAN FOR
 DEMONSTRATION AND TESTING BEFORE COMING MONSOON SEASON.
- 2. NEF, HOWEVER, SEEKS INFORMATION ON RELIABILITY OF POTENTIAL CONTRACT PARTNERS IN OMAN BEFORE PROCEEDING. THROUGH SEATTLE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND BBME, NEF LEARNED THAT "CHAIRMAN WELL THOUGHT OF IN SALALAH, BUT ASSISTANT NOT WELL THOUGHT OF." PROBLEM IS NEF NOT UNDERSTAND TO WHOM THESE CHARACTERIZATIONS APPLY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY FURNISH NEA/ARP (FOR MOLINEAUX) QUICK FIX ON FOLLOWING:
- A) WHAT ARE BUSINESS REPUTATIONS OF EIDED, CRAWFORD, AND "NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL?"
- B) IS MINAG ETC. INVOLVED IN PROPOSAL? TO WHAT EXTENT?
- C) WILL CURRENT OMANI FINANCIAL SITUATION RESTRICT WILLINGNESS/ABILITY GOVT. OF OMAN (IF INVOLVED) TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDS?
- 4. NEF HAS NET WORTH OF US DOLLARS 34 MILLION, NET SALES OF US DOLLARS 130 MILLION IN 1974. FURTHER DETAILS OF NEF PROPOSAL IN MEMORANDUM POUCHED MARCH 12 TO MUSCAT. INGERSOLL

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